

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Out of the five places served by the Itinerating Dispensary two are highly malarial. They are Nanniode and Meenakshipuram.

Transfer of Sub-Assistant Surgeons to Nanniode Dispensary.

43. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state the period for which Sub-Assistant Surgeons now transferred to Nanniode Dispensary have to serve there?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—The period is fixed at 6 months.

Transfers to malarial tracts—Medical Department.

44. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state the principle upon which transfers are made to malarial tracts in the ordinary course?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Transfers of Sub-Assistant Surgeons to malarial tracts are now generally made in the order of their seniority and they have to remain there for a period of six months at a stretch.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—It is not better to recruit people from the bottom instead of according to seniority? When transfers are made to Malarial tracts is it not possible to send young men instead of old men?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—The dispensary is in the independent charge of one man, where a senior officer must be posted. Therefore independent charge men are all senior men.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—I suppose the other persons they are already in charge of dispensaries. When a transfer is made from one place to another is it not better to choose young men?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—We cannot excuse anybody. All the men in the department should go.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—When did this practice begin?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Formerly a man was kept there for four and five years. Now it is restricted to 6 months.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Are there any specific orders of the Government to that effect?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—No.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—From what date did you begin that practice?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—About a year and a half.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Is a man once sent there sent again?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Hereafter it will be necessary.